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Dear Mr. Garrison;

I found your parcel of photographs at my brother's store yesterday, and brought them home with me in the afternoon. I was much surprised, on opening, to find so many - six - large & well-executed pictures of two streets with which I was very familiar when a boy, and indeed continually going thro', until I left Boston as residence at the age of 24. I am extremely glad therefore to have these pictures. Until I saw some like them in William's counting-room, I did not know such were in existence. They bring up the very part of Boston which, more than any other, was the Boston of my boyhood; and every object, every brick & paving stone & crossing, every crook & turn (which is not a small number in Boston streets) looks natural and home-like to me. The rest of the S.P. Gardner Estate on Summer St., where the C.T. Savery Store now is, is perfect & most delightful.

The only draw-back in the case is that I ought not to receive so much from you; but as I like to be remembered by you, that shall not trouble me much. You and your children have put many kind & beautiful mementoes into my house. These pictures hit me in a very vulnerable spot; and I accept them with much pleasure, though with some misgiving as to having so many, and thank you very heartily for them. I value them highly.

I am expecting Mr. Wallcut to spend Sunday here; and I wish the weather may be as fine then as it is now; — finer, at this time of year, cannot be; & the country is looking most fresh and beautiful, tho' stripped by the late Storm of much of the splendor of its coloring.

We are all as well as usual. My mother is now re-established at Exeter St., & will be always happy to see you. I went with her to Cambridge, to see an old friend confined to the house, almost to her

room, by Saunders, – on Tuesday afternoon, & she (my M^rs.) bore the ride very well.

– The picture of Franklin St. dog include a portion of the house where my father lived for some five years. It is a wonderful discovery, – the photographic process; and it is astonishing with what absolute fidelity it reproduces a scene. We live amidst marvels; – life itself, the greatest of all

Hoping to see you and your wife before a great while, and with kind regards to you both from us all, I am

Very faithfully Yours

Sam^l May Jr